

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and UNITED
STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY,

25 Civ. 3656 (PKC)

Plaintiff(s),

v.

ORDER
INITIAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

STATE OF NEW YORK; KATHLEEN)
HOCHUL, in her official capacity as Governor of)
New York; et al.,

Defendant(s).

CASTEL, United States District Judge.

**COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF (OR THE REMOVING DEFENDANT)
SHALL IMMEDIATELY SEND A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO ALL PARTIES.**

1. Counsel for all parties shall appear for an Initial Pretrial Conference, held pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, June 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Principal trial counsel shall appear at this and all subsequent conferences.

2. The parties shall submit a joint letter five business days prior to the Conference addressing the following in separate paragraphs: (1) a brief description of the case, including the factual and legal bases for the claim(s) and defense(s); (2) any contemplated motions; and (3) the prospect for settlement. The parties shall set forth the date and time of the Conference in the opening paragraph of the joint letter.

3. The parties are directed to confer on a Case Management Plan (the "Plan") in accordance with Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The outline of a Plan may be found on the Court's website: <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-p-kevin-castel>. The jointly proposed Plan shall be submitted in writing to the Deputy Clerk immediately prior to the Conference.

4. The parties shall consult the undersigned's Individual Practices available on the Court's website. Requests for adjournment of the Conference will be considered only if made in writing and in accordance with the undersigned's Individual Practices.

5. Prior to the Conference, counsel for all parties shall file a Notice of Appearance in accordance with the Rules and Instructions for Electronic Case Filing.

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6. For initial pretrial conferences, plaintiff(s)' counsel shall, no later than 5 business days before the conference, email a copy of the agreed upon (or disputed) Civil Case Management Plan & Scheduling Order to: castelnysdchambers@nysd.uscourts.gov.

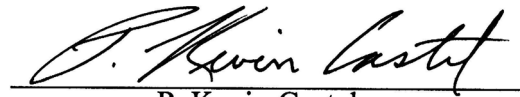
The call-in information for all teleconferences is:

Dial-in: 1-855-244-8681

Access Code: 2305 810 3970 #

Attention is called to Local Rule 1.8 that prohibits the recording or transmission of any proceeding.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "P. Kevin Castel", written over a horizontal line.

P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge

Dated: New York, New York
May 13, 2025